DNREC accepting grant proposals for wastewater and surface water project planning

Proposals due to Division of Watershed Stewardship or DNREC Environmental Finance by March 17

DOVER — DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship and Environmental Finance are now accepting project proposals from state, county and municipal governments and governmental subdivisions for matching grants for wastewater and surface water project planning. Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m. March 17, 2016.

Eligible projects include planning, preliminary engineering, and feasibility analysis of: wastewater projects; stormwater retrofits; green technology practices; stream and wetland restoration projects; small watershed studies; master surface water and drainage plans, and other source water pollution control projects.

Grant applications of up to \$50,000 will be considered with a 1:1 cash match requirement. Up to 10 percent of the grant funds may be used for administrative costs. There is an annual cumulative grant award cap of \$100,000 per successful applicant per fiscal year.

The Wastewater and Surface Water Matching Planning Grant programs are set-asides in the State's Clean Water Revolving Fund. Projects will be recommended for funding by the Delaware Water Infrastructure Advisory Council through a competitive grant process. New for this grant cycle are insurance requirements of the grant recipient.

For a Wastewater Matching Planning Grant, the project guidelines and the application can be found online by clicking Wastewater Matching Planning Grant. Proposals must be submitted by email (less than 10 MB) to Greg.Pope@delaware.gov.

For a Surface Water Matching Planning Grant, the project guidelines and the application can be found online at <u>Surface Water Matching Planning Grant</u>. Proposals must be submitted by email (less than 10 MB) to <u>James.Sullivan@delaware.gov</u>.

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